

Lloyd W. Biberstine

April 29, 1918 - December 22, 2010

Lloyd W. Biberstine, 92, passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton, Indiana

Mr. Biberstine was born on April 29th, 1918, in Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana in the farm home of his parents William and Nora Biberstine. He attended and graduated from Bluffton High School in 1935, and from Ball State Teachers College in 1939. He was married for 70 years to his beloved wife Marcile (Platt) Biberstine, who survives. He is also survived by five children: Richard (Judy) Biberstine of Bluffton, Barbara (Lynn) Burroughs of Ft. Myers, FL, Judy (Roger) Summers of Fort Wayne, Becky (Bob) Gibson of Fort Wayne, William (Renee) Biberstine of Berne; plus 13 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. A sister, Joan Schwartz, resides in Delphos, Oh, and another sister and brother are deceased.

While at Ball State, Lloyd was the manager of football, baseball, and basketball, and served as an assistant to Branch McCracken. He was a farmer in earlier years, but primarily he was a lifelong educator, having taught and coached at Rockcreek, Lancaster, Liberty Center, and then serving as principal at Petroleum. In 1961, he became Wells County School Superintendent, which eventually led to the formation of Southern Wells Community Schools, where he served as its first and only school superintendent until 1978 when he retired.

Lloyd was deeply connected to the Six Mile Church, where he was a member for 87 years, having joined at the age of five. He was the oldest member of the oldest church in Wells County. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Calling hours will be from 2 P.M. – 8 P.M. Sunday, December 26th, 2010 at Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Calling is also one hour prior to service Monday at the church. Funeral service is at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 27th, 2010 at the Six Mile Church with Pastor Ryan Dalrymple officiating. Burial will be at the Six mile Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

DEC **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gearnand Cemetery
6174S 400E
Bluffton, IN

Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gearnand Cemetery
6174S 400E
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lloyd W. Biberstine*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Marcille and Family:*

Please accept my sincere condolences to your entire family. I just read the Obits on-line; (I now live north of San Diego in Carlsbad, CA and try to keep up with Bluffton.) I have fond rememberances of your family, including Nora, your Mother-in-law; she was my Bible school teacher at Six Mile. I remember Lloyd and your beautiful family, as we used to ride the same school bus.

What a legacy you and your husband are, and such a good Christian family. They don't make them like they used to any more...may your good memories and love comfort you and your family.

*Love, Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Reusser
Halstead##imported-end##*

January 06, 2011 at 02:55 AM



“ To Mr. Biberstines's family:
Lloyd Biberstine was the my first principal when I started my teaching career in 1961! His office was next to my room and he is still Mr. Biberstine to me! I taught music and he would tall me he knew all the songs I taught as well as the students. He as a good, stern yet so kind, principal and became a good friend. He taught me a lot in those first years of teaching.
My sincere condolences to his family...What a special man he was...God Bless you all!##imported-begin##Sally (Runyon) Mittlestedt##imported-end##

January 04, 2011 at 03:07 PM



“ Our condolences to the family of Lloyd. He was a dear and respected friend of my parents, Jim and Mary Jane Harris. We enjoyed visits with Lloyd and Marcile also. May the Lord comfort all of you.##imported-begin##Keith & Lois Jean Gallaway##imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 01:12 AM



“ We were sorry to hear about his death.
Our prayers and condolences go out to the family.

God bless you.##imported-begin##Mike and Marsha Coyner##imported-end##

December 27, 2010 at 11:14 PM



“ Sympathy to all of you and your family for the loss of your DAD.

*Trudy and Fred Murray##imported-begin##Trudy
Murray##imported-end##*

December 26, 2010 at 08:26 PM



“ Lloyd Biberstine was a true friend, dedicated and effective school administrator, church leader and admired community leader. His fine family has our sincere sympathy and prayers.

*Jack, Carolyn and Bill Edris##imported-begin##John (Jack)
Edris##imported-end##*

December 24, 2010 at 05:04 PM



“ Your father has left a legacy unmatched by others and his memory will continue to live through each of you. Please accept my deepest sympathy and may our great Creator God grant you peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Dave Smeltzer##imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 07:49 AM



“ Dear Becky,
So sorry to hear about your fathers' passing.
He was a very loved and respected man and will be greatly missed in the community.

Our prayers are with the family.

Linda##imported-begin##Linda (Flowers) Claussen##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 07:05 PM



“ *Becky, Bob, and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you tonight. It is so difficult to lose a parent...and at this very special time of year, even harder. What a legacy he has left for his family....what a blessing it is to have such a hero as your dad. We love you.*

Larry, Becky, Justin and Jared Lance##imported-begin##Larry and Becky Lance##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 07:02 PM



“ *My condolences to Becky and family on your loss.*

Gene Gebele##imported-begin##Gene Gebele##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 05:31 PM



“ *May we pay you and your family our humble condolence's at this time of need. May God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Jerry & Mary Ross##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 03:22 PM



“ *My sympathy to Mr. Biberstine's family. He taught our class at Lancaster. Every once in a while, students have the opportunity to have a teacher who actually loves to teach children by inspiring them to want to learn. He was that teacher for us. He willl be missed by many, many of his former students.##imported-begin##Diana (Frauhiger) Stahl##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 12:35 PM



“ *Becky, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jane Hamilton Seiller##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ *Prayers and sympathy are coming to you all. I'll always remember having him as a principal at Petroleum, and sending me to the office to work whenever there was a "bloody" drivers training movie to watch!! He knew I would faint and he excused me from going through that!!*

Mother (Bernice Baker) worked for him in the cafeteria at Petroleum, and later at So. Wells. She always laughed when she remembered babysitting for him when he was a little boy, and a whole 13 years older than he.

I also worked at the Dutch Mill and served the card club they were in many, many times!!

A special hello to Bob Gibson. I haven't see you since our days at Manchester, when I sometimes rode back to Bluffton with you!

Thinking of you with fond memories.

Barbara (Baker) Overdeer

*Columbia City##imported-begin##Barbara (Baker)
Overdeer##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 10:59 AM



“ Dear Biberstine family,

We offer our condolences in the passing of your loved one. I am the step-son of Rev. Looker, former pastor of Six Mile Church, and worked one summer on the farm for Lloyd.

John Harness of Hendersonville, NC##imported-begin##John and Carol Harness##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 10:49 AM

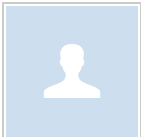


“ Becky and family,

YOu and your family our in our thoughts and prayers.

*With sympathy,
Richard & Marcelline (James) Hoy##imported-begin##Marcelline James Hoy##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

(Classmate of Becky)##imported-begin##Barbara (Betz) Artrip##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 09:30 AM



“ *Becky and family,
My prayers are with you during this time of grief.*

*Sincerely,
Maggy###imported-begin##Maggy (Rose) Bond###imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 09:12 AM



“ *Community leaders like Mr Biberstine are few and far between He will be missed by many, not just His family but all the Wells County Community. Our Prays for comfort go out to the Biberstine family at this time.*

*Michael and Sue Musser
Salem SC###imported-begin##Michael Musser###imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 08:39 AM



“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of your wonderful father, grandfather & husband. His was a life rich with history, love & dedication...Heaven welcomes him with open arms.###imported-begin##Susan Schafer###imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 08:03 AM



“ *Our sympathy is extended to the family of Lloyd. He was an inspiration to all of us who knew him. The Lord bless all of you as you face the days ahead.###imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Haiflich###imported-end##*

December 22, 2010 at 09:53 PM



“ *Dear Family and Friends,*
I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my Uncle Lloyd. Lloyd Biberstine was the only sibling of my Mother, Joan Biberstine Schwartz. He and Marcile cared for the "Schwartz sisters" when our Mother was being treated for TB in the 1950s. We also spent many a summer and many a Christmas with our Biberstine cousins and Lloyd and Marcile. We will greatly miss our Patriarch. Love,
Rhonda###imported-begin##*Rhonda R. Schwartz*###imported-end##

December 22, 2010 at 12:06 PM